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1 AN ACT Relating to electricity rate structure for irrigation
2 pumping installations; adding a new section to chapter 80.28 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 54.16 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 35.92 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 23.86 RCW; adding a
5 new section to chapter 24.06 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 80.28 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For a period of twenty-four months beginning on April 1, 2001, any
10 minimum or fixed amount charge, such as a load size charge or standby
11 charge, imposed by an electric company on agricultural irrigation and
12 soil drainage pumping installations that does not reflect the actual
13 electricity used by the customer must be credited against charges for
14 actual usage for the annual billing period to which the minimum or
15 fixed charge applies.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 54.16 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 For a period of twenty-four months beginning on April 1, 2001, any
2 minimum or fixed amount charge, such as a load size charge or a standby
3 charge, imposed by the district on agricultural irrigation and soil
4 drainage pumping installations that does not reflect the actual
5 electricity used by the customer must be credited against charges for
6 actual usage for the annual billing period to which the minimum or
7 fixed charge applies.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35.92 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 For a period of twenty-four months beginning on April 1, 2001, any
11 minimum or fixed amount charge, such as a load size charge or a standby
12 charge, imposed by a municipal utility on agricultural irrigation and
13 soil drainage pumping installations that does not reflect the actual
14 electricity used by the customer must be credited against charges for
15 actual usage for the annual billing period to which the minimum or
16 fixed charge applies.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 23.86 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For a period of twenty-four months beginning on April 1, 2001, any
20 minimum or fixed amount charge, such as a load size charge or a standby
21 charge, imposed by a locally regulated utility on agricultural
22 irrigation and soil drainage pumping installations that does not
23 reflect the actual electricity used by the customer must be credited
24 against charges for actual usage for the annual billing period to which
25 the minimum or fixed charge applies.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 24.06 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 For a period of twenty-four months beginning on April 1, 2001, any
29 minimum or fixed amount charge, such as a load size charge or a standby
30 charge, imposed by a locally regulated utility on agricultural
31 irrigation and soil drainage pumping installations that does not
32 reflect the actual electricity used by the customer must be credited
33 against charges for actual usage for the annual billing period to which
34 the minimum or fixed charge applies.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 immediately.

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